GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Pilgrimage Tourism in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop Sabarimala in Kerala, Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh and Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details of the amount spent during the last three years and future plans in this regard;

(e) whether there is a proposal to hand over development of Sabarimala to some private agencies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Development of tourist places including pilgrim centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State/UT Administrations for tourism related projects, including pilgrim centres, which are prioritized every year in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations.

(c) & (d): No such proposal has been received from the State Governments concerned during the current financial year. No project has also been sanctioned for Sabarimala in Kerala, Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh and Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years.

(e) & (f): No such proposal has been received by Ministry of Tourism.